

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 31, 1970*All b7c PER 50 1280-2*

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 Wis., was contacted at her residence, and was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview.

She was further advised that the interview was part of an investigation requested by J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, regarding an attempt to develop the fact that the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) is acting within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam and is involved in political activity under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as described by that Act.

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 [REDACTED] advised she is the wife of *b7c* [REDACTED] who was shot down over North Vietnam three and a half years ago.

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 [REDACTED] stated she has had four or five contacts with COLIFAM and pointed out she heard for the first time from this organization when they sent her a form letter on January 27, 1970, advising her that she will receive letters from her husband in the future through this committee and she could correspond with him also through this committee. On March 9, 1970, she received a form letter from this committee advising her that a letter from her husband was on the way. This letter was co-signed CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER. However, inasmuch as this form letter had an error and gave her husband's name as [REDACTED] rather than *b7c* [REDACTED] she immediately directed a letter to this organization asking them to confirm whether or not this was her husband, and a letter was received from the committee on *b7c* March 16, 1970, confirming that it was indeed an error and she would be receiving a letter from her husband. She also received a letter approximately two weeks later from the

On 8/25/70 at [REDACTED] Wis. File # MI 100-17068

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/25/70

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committee, with no date on the letter, and signed BARBARA WEBSTER.

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[REDACTED] made available a copy of the letter directed to the committee, dated May 11, 1970, wherein [REDACTED] questioned as to why the letters she was writing to her husband had to have on the address via Moscow, U.S.S.R. A letter from the committee answering her inquiry on May 22, 1970, was received indicating that this is the way the North Vietnamese wanted the letters to be directed.

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[REDACTED] advised that since March 9, 1970, she has received three letters and a postcard from her husband, the last letter being received May 19, 1970. She has written him numerous times but is under the impression that her husband has received at least one of the letters, inasmuch as he knew their new born child's first name and she pointed out that the child was not born until he was shot down. She also pointed out that she has called this committee one or two times to make direct inquiries about various methods of writing to her husband, but other than that has directed all correspondence via letters and has kept copies of these letters.

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[REDACTED] realizes that the committee is formed of individuals who are not patriotic Americans and do not have the American interests at heart, but feels that they have her over a barrel, so to speak, in that she desires to correspond with her husband, and going through this committee seems to be the only manner in which she is able to correspond with him. She further stated she has never met any of the individuals on the committee directly, but has had all contacts with them via mail. All letters to the committee are mailed to 365 West 42nd Street, New York City, N. Y.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On July 29, 1970, Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] 19th Military Police Detachment, CID, Sub-Station, 5565 North Teutonia, Milwaukee. At this time, it was explained to the above-mentioned personnel that the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam was active in the Wisconsin area, and it was requested that they furnish any information relating to the activities of this group to be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately. Both [REDACTED] stated after a review of their files that no such organization has been reported to them; however, they will maintain an awareness and furnish any positive information to the Bureau.

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[REDACTED]
American Legion, 812 East State Street, Milwaukee, was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the purpose of the interview.

[REDACTED] was advised that this investigation is being conducted at the precise request of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, and that the purpose of this investigation was to develop the fact that the Committee of Liaison for Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam is acting within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam and is involved in political activities under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as described by the act.

[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his knowledge, he has had no contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam or any offshoot type of group. However, he will contact all of his Post in the State of Wisconsin for any information they may have relating to this Committee and immediately forward results to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On 7/27/70 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 100-17068
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 7/31/70

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN ANTONIO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 9/23/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/10 - 8/21/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT	b2c

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] 8/17/70,
at San Antonio.
San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 8/27/70.

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Will continue to interview dependents of prisoners of war in the San Antonio area.

EXTREME DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DURING THE COURSE OF INTERVIEWS. ADVISE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED

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By	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

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THAT IT IS AT THE DIRECTION OF J. WALTER YEAGLEY,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. DETERMINE ALSO IF THE
INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE
SHOULD THEIR TESTIMONY BE NEEDED AT A LATER TIME.
INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE SET FORTH ON FD-302.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

9/23/70

Office: San Antonio, Texas

Field Office File #:

100-11851

Bureau File #: 100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

Synopsis:

Mrs. [REDACTED], wife of [REDACTED], advised her husband was shot down over Vietnam in 1966. In April, 1970, during press conference of COLIFAM it was announced that her husband was a prisoner of war and that mail had been received from her husband. Shortly after the press conference she received a letter from her husband. A second letter was received from her husband via COLIFAM along with instructions how she should prepare future letters to her husband. A third letter was received from her husband via COLIFAM in latter part of April, 1970, and the last letter she has received from her husband was received in June, 1970, via COLIFAM. She has had no other contact with COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] advised her husband has been missing in action in Vietnam since 1967. She advised that COLIFAM meant nothing to her, however, she has received three phone calls from unknown individuals requesting photograph of her husband and background information regarding him.

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DETAILS: AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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Mrs. [REDACTED] the wife of [REDACTED] Air Force Serial No. [REDACTED] Social Security No. [REDACTED], advised that her husband is a pilot in the United States Air Force.

In 1966 she received word that her husband had been shot down over Vietnam. In September, 1969, her husband was designated by the military as a prisoner of war.

In early April, 1970, during a press conference called by a group she believed to be the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, it was announced that her husband was a prisoner of war and that mail had been received from her husband. At the time of the press conference she had not received any mail from her husband.

Shortly thereafter, the exact date not now recalled, she was notified by the post office that she had some certified mail. Upon checking with the post office, she was given an envelope which contained a letter from her husband.

A xerox copy of this envelope and a xerox copy of the envelope containing her husband's letter, which was also enclosed, follows:

On 9/3/70 at [REDACTED] Texas File# SA 100-11851

by SA [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/4/70
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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON
2nd FLOOR

360 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10036

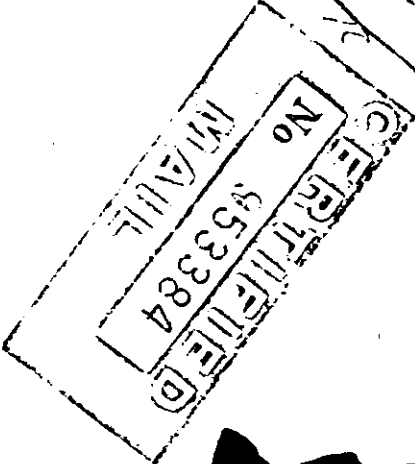
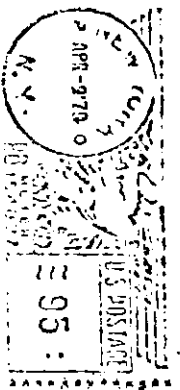
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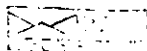
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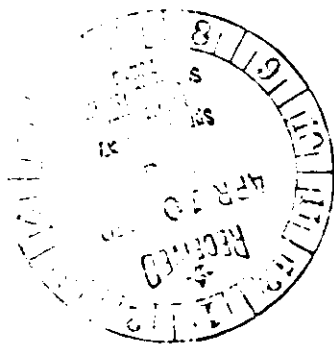
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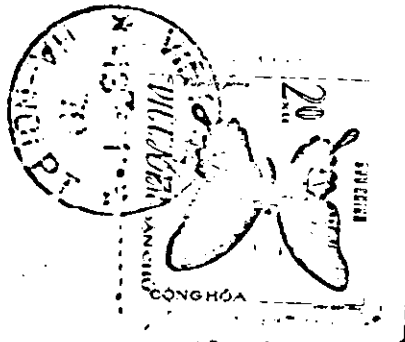


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On that same day she also received another letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, xerox copies of the envelope and contents which follow:

ATTN: LIAISON
305 West 42nd Street
New York, N.Y. 10036

[REDACTED]

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

April 7, 1970

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee
Richard J. Barnett
Rennie Davis
Madeline Duckles
Prof. Richard Falk
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Norman Fruchter
*Maggie Geddes
Steve Halliwell
Prof. Donald Kalish
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b2c 50 12812-2

Our Committee has recently received official confirmation of 81 more servicemen being held in North Vietnam. By now you should have

heard that [REDACTED] b2c is on this list. The North Vietnamese have now confirmed through the Committee of Liaison a total of 335 men being held.

This notification also means that a letter is en route from him. The enclosed release explains how mail is forwarded via our office. Because mail from Hanoi is very slow we cannot be sure when the letter will come, but we will forward it as soon as it arrives here.

We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have any questions.

At the same time, we are continuing to work towards the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia so that soon all families, American and Vietnamese, can be united again.

Sincerely,

Francine Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

P.S. Kindly excuse the mimeographed letter, but there are many families to reach at the same time.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that shortly thereafter, again the exact date not now recalled, she received another letter from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam which enclosed another letter from her husband. She also believed that in this same letter she received some instructions how to prepare future letters to her husband and also what forms to use. Xerox copies of this letter, instructions, and one of the forms follow:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
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April 8, 1970

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee
Richard J. Barnett
Rennie Davis
Madeline Duckles
Prof. Richard Falk
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Norman Fruchter
*Maggie Geddes
Steve Halliwell
Prof. Donald Kalish
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Ben Seitzman
Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter which we received from North Vietnam today.

Over 400 letters are en route from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. The enclosed letter, along with 79 others, was in the first packet to arrive here out of a total of five packets which we have been expecting.

We are also enclosing a letter form which the North Vietnamese have suggested relatives use when writing to servicemen in North Vietnam. You can mail it or regular letters directly to Hanoi or to our office for forwarding. If you send letters to us, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we forward them on in packets.

For those of you who may not have already received one, we are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is.

With hopes for an early decision by the United States to withdraw from Vietnam,

Sincerely,

Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster
Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

INFORMATION SHEET

Co-chairmen:

Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss

Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison seeks to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the United States. The Committee receives letters from servicemen and forwards them to their families through the domestic mails. It also forwards letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families are, of course, still free to send letters directly but should not use the correct address for both letters and packages:

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee (in formation):

Rennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
*Maggie Goddes
*Steve Halliwell
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
*Trudi Young

Name of serviceman, serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured
in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

*staff

Captured servicemen may receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month. The Committee does not forward packages. It is suggested that letters sent to the Committee for forwarding be sealed and that stamps be enclosed (not affixed) as letters are forwarded in packets.

The Committee is only able to be of help with respect to men who have been shot down over North Vietnam.

The Committee also is able to request information regarding the status of men thought to have been shot down over North Vietnam and captured there. For such inquiries the Committee needs to have the individual's service number, and any available information as to when and where he was shot down. With respect to such requests the Committee would expect to receive a letter to his family if the individual is being held in North Vietnam. If the individual is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information regarding him, the Committee expects to receive that word to the extent possible. In any case the Committee will communicate with the family concerned as soon as it receives word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, has said, gradually all families of servicemen held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established in response to an initiative

created by the North Vietnamese and is an extension of previous efforts. It is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Vietnam (from both the North and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam) and Americans who oppose the war. On three separate occasions representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi and have returned with released servicemen. On one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three American soldiers who were released by the National Liberation Front. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters to captured servicemen at the request of their families and they have brought back letters when they have returned to the United States. On several occasions such visitors from the peace movement have met with captured pilots in Hanoi.

The Committee

The Committee of Liaison believes that the safe return of U.S. servicemen captured in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the United States maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will also continue our efforts aimed at the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces and weapons.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, The Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Women Against Daddy Warbucks, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Strike for Peace.

The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LÍNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI
NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA
VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

SA 10-11-70.

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated).....

GHI CHÚ (N.B.):

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

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During the latter part of April, 1970, another letter was received from the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam which enclosed a letter from her husband. A xerox copy of the Committee's letter follows:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

April 20, 1970

Co-chairmen:
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Cora Weiss

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee
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Madeline Duckles
Prof. Richard Falk
Rev. Richard Fernandez
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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Halliwell
Steven E. Halliwell

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The last letter that she received from her husband, she received about June 26, 1970, which was enclosed with another letter from the Committee. A xerox copy of this Committee's letter follows:

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with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
Cora Weiss

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

June 14, 1970

Committee

Richard J. Barnett
Rennie Davis
Madeline Duckles
Prof. Richard Falk
Rev. Richard Fernandez
Norman Fruchter
*Maggie Geddes
Steve Holliwel
Prof. Donald Kalish
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,
Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the only contact that she has had with the Committee is by letters mentioned above. No one representing themselves as being from the Committee have contacted her in person or by telephone. No personal objects have been delivered to her either by mail or by anyone else from her husband.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she would have to think about whether she would testify regarding this matter if she were asked to do so at a future date. She stated that she does not know anything about this Committee other than what was contained in the letters. She pointed out that her only contact with her husband since 1966 has been through these letters forwarded to her by the Committee and she did not want to do anything that might jeopardize her husband's safety.

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence located [redacted] Texas, by [redacted] who identified himself to her as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. b7c

[redacted] advised that her husband, [redacted] has been missing in action in Vietnam since [redacted] 1967, when his aircraft was shot down. b7c

[redacted] continued that she has been contacted on three occasions by unknown individuals who telephoned her requesting a photograph of her husband and background information stating they would possibly be able to learn something of his present whereabouts and condition. b7c

She stated she does not know how these individuals obtained her telephone number since it is unlisted.

She continued that the first call was in about November, 1969, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she believes it was from some Quaker organization.

The second call was from somewhere in Virginia in February, 1970. This caller requested that she immediately airmail a photograph and description of her husband.

The third call was from San Francisco, California, in April or May, 1970.

She stated she did not retain names of the organizations or representatives calling as she was not interested and told them all she would not comply with their requests.

[redacted] stated the Organization Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam meant nothing to her. b7c

On 9/10/70 at [redacted] TEXAS File # SA 100-11851

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/11/70 b7c

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She added that the only ones she would cooperate with would be representatives of the U. S. Government.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All b7c RE2 EG 12812-2

TO : Director, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9-24-70

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-20786) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
IS - MISC.
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OO: New York

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DATE 7/22/93 BY 9803
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Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau dated 8-27-70.

Enclosed for New York are nine copies each of two FD 302 reflecting the results of an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] and a letter from the captioned committee to Mrs. [REDACTED] dated 5-25-70. One of each of the above is enclosed for the Bureau.

The following individuals whose sons are listed by the U. S. Air Force as missing in action (MIA) were contacted by SA [REDACTED] Indiana, to determine if they would have any information relating to the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. All results were negative.

9-17-70, Mr. [REDACTED]

9-21-70, Mr. [REDACTED]

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Date August 19, 1970

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Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning the Committee of the Liaison of Families of Servicemen Detained in North Viet Nam, and furnished the following information:

b2c [REDACTED] stated the only contact with this organization has been through the mails. She believed this organization discovered that her son, [REDACTED] was a Prisoner of War after receiving a letter from him that which was delivered by a Mrs. ~~DELYN DUCKLES~~ 31 Uclayptis Street, Beverly, California, who returned from North Viet Nam in December, 1969. She stated that since first contacted in January, 1970, about three or four letters were forwarded to COLFIAM, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, for delivery to her son, North Viet Nam. She stated at present no mail or personal objects have been delivered by COLFIAM.

b2c [REDACTED] furnished a letter from COLFIAM dated May 25, 1970.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 8/18/70

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All b7c RE EO 12812-2

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May 25, 1970

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We will send your recent letter to [REDACTED] on to Hanoi with a group of anti-war people who are going there in June.

We noticed the return address on it is different than the one we have for you. We are changing our files to make it the Warsaw Indiana address. If this is incorrect please let us know.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes

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February 6, 1970

Dear Mr. [REDACTED] b7c

Thank you very much for your recent contribution to our work. Our cable and postage expenses are pretty high and it is very thoughtful of you to send a check to defray our costs.

We will forward your letter to [REDACTED] on early next week, and hope to be forwarding letters from him to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
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Dear Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

Thank you for your kind note of
April 5th

On April 13th a group of anti-
war activists left for a visit
to North Vietnam and we sent
your letter to your son with them.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster

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want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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May 25, 1970

Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c EO 12812

We will send your letter to your son with a group of anti war people who are going to Hanoi in June for a visit.

I trust you have received the recent letter from here which was mailed from our office on May 13th.

When Cora Weiss was in North Vietnam last December, at which time she had discussions about forming this Committee, the North Vietnamese told her prisoners would be allowed to send & receive a letter a month. However, as you obviously have observed, this has not happened so far. The flow of letters has increased incredibly - as well as the number of prisoners now writing. Since December we have forwarded on to families 500 letters & know of 355 men confirmed to be prisoners frankly we do not know if there has been a change of mind or whether it may be, for example, an administrative

matters such as shortage of translators.

So it would appear that at least you will be hearing from your son, even if not on a regular monthly basis.

Sincerely,
Barbara Webster

P.S. Please excuse the handwritten letter but our typewriter is not working.

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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

V.P. Moscow, U.S.S.R.

The Vietnamese will be able to verify

requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released; apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

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NƯỚC VIỆT - NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA
VIA MOSCOW, USSR (Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured
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GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

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NGÀY VIẾT (Dated)

GHI CHÚ (N.B.):

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2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
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September 1, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The June trip to North Vietnam was postponed and didn't go until a couple of weeks ago. They took with them the letter which you mailed to us on July 23. (Your May and June letters were taken to Paris in early July and mailed from there.)

So there have not been any letters from prisoners since the last trip returned in June. We hope that the group that is there now will bring some back.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
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P.S. There are currently no specific plans for another trip, but in general we expect there will be some going throughout the fall and probably winter. Your most recent letter will go with the first trip which leaves -- later this month or in October I would imagine.

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Date September 17, 1970

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Indiana, furnished the following information: b7c

She is the mother of [REDACTED] b7c who is currently a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam. He was reported as Missing in Action in [REDACTED] 1967, and they subsequently received information that he was being held as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam.

On January 17, 1970, she received a telephone call from a ETHEL TAYLOR from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and identified herself as head of the Women's Strike for Peace Program. She was unable to recall specifically the telephone conversation, but in general terms TAYLOR stated she had just come back from Hanoi and saw the damage our planes have done over there. TAYLOR commented that this was a cruel and immoral war and their organization was set up to end this war. TAYLOR related that there was also a similar office set up in Hanoi, as well as in New York. TAYLOR made no statements against the prisoners and she, Mrs. [REDACTED] got the impression that TAYLOR was on the defensive, waiting for her to commit herself. At the end of this conversation Mrs. [REDACTED] told TAYLOR that she hoped the war would be over soon. b7c

This was the only telephone conversation she has had with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and has never been personally contacted by anyone from the committee.

She subsequently has received correspondence from the Committee of Liaison and made available copies of this correspondence which is being made a part of this interview.

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by SA [REDACTED] /jly Date dictated 9/14/70 b7c

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The Committee has made available to her a special type form which they use to correspond with their son. This form allows them six lines and they are allowed to write once a month. These letters are sent to the Committee in New York and the Committee makes arrangements for them to be delivered to the Prisoners of War. They have received letters from their son through this Committee, however, none of the letters received from their son have ever indicated he has received their letters. They are not allowed to mail packages.

Neither she, nor her husband, agree with the philosophies of this Committee and only cooperate with this Committee because they have been getting letters from their son. They have no positive proof that their son is receiving their letters. The last letter they received from their son through the Committee was in June, 1970, which was dated in April, 1970.

They have never been harassed by the Committee, although she did send the Committee [redacted] to pay for any expenses in the communications with their son.

She was unable to recall any statements by the Committee regarding the source of information, or contacts and she knew of no other Prisoner of War families approached by the Committee.

Mrs. [redacted] ^{b7c} stated she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/24/70

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (97-353) (P)

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SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS-MISC; REGISTRATION ACT
OO: NEW YORK

RE: New York airtel to Director, copies to all offices,
6/9/70..

San Antonio letter to Director, copies to all
offices, 8/27/70.

[REDACTED] Clerk, U.S. Post Office, Union City,
N.J., advised on 9/23/70 that he has a change of address for
Mrs. [REDACTED] N.J. (wife)

[REDACTED] PW to "Care of [REDACTED]
Ga.

ATLANTA

AT [REDACTED] GA.: Will conduct interview per
instructions in teletype.

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- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Newark

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/24/70

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (97-773) (RUC)

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT
(OO:NY)

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Re New York airtel to the Bureau 6/9/70, and
San Antonio letter to the Bureau 8/27/70.

San Juan indices are negative re captioned
matter.

Local military and law enforcement agencies,
and confidential sources, have been alerted with negative
results.

On 6/30/70, [REDACTED]

The American Legion, was contacted with negative
results.

The lead in re San Antonio letter has been
brought into consideration and due to the fact that
[REDACTED] is Missing in Action and not publicly
listed as a POW, this lead is not being covered.

This case is being placed in an RUC status,
subject to reopening should any positive information be
received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/24/70

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (100-6833) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT

(OO: New York)

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau and all offices
dated 8/27/70 and report of SA [REDACTED] dated
8/31/70 at Norfolk.

The San Antonio Division sent forth the names
of next of kin of certain Air Force personnel who are either
Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA).

The Norfolk Division has interviewed a number of
wives of POWs residing in this area and in addition has
interviewed wives of certain MIAs in selective instances.

UACB, the Norfolk Division at this time does not
contemplate interviewing parents or wives of other MIAs
unless some reason exists making such interviews desirable,
such as information indicating relatives may have had some
contact with COLIFAM.

Investigation in the Norfolk Division is continuing.

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 - 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
 - 1 - Norfolk

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To: SACs Milwaukee (Enclosure)
Jackson (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS & MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT

Enclosed for each recipient is one copy of a
self-explanatory letter from J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant
Attorney General.

Jackson refer to the last paragraph on page 2
and secure a copy of the letter mentioned therein. Submit
this as an attachment to an LHM.

Milwaukee interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in line with instructions set forth in the enclosed
letter. In view of his connection with the University of
Wisconsin, this interview should be conducted off the campus
and [REDACTED] should be told that he is being contacted at the
request of the Internal Security Division of the Department
of Justice. Submit results of this interview in form suitable
for dissemination.

1 - [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
Sullivan _____
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Caffahan _____
Casper _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : *was* [redacted] b7c
SAC, MOBILE (100-2219) (RUC)

DATE: OCTOBER 2, 1970

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT
(OO: NY)

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Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, 8/27/70;
Mobile airtel to Bureau, 7/23/70.

Referenced San Antonio letter sets forth the names of families of Air Force personnel missing in action in the Mobile Division. Two of these families have previously been interviewed and the results furnished by LHM to the Bureau and the office of origin.

[redacted] who was previously interviewed and the results set forth in Mobile airtel 7/23/70, advised on 9/21/70, that she had no information not previously reported of COLIFAM activity in Montgomery, or that any other servicemen's families or dependents have been contacted by COLIFAM. [redacted] advised she does not know of any servicemen's families or dependents who have been harassed or cajoled by COLIFAM or anyone connected with COLIFAM.

As previously set forth, [redacted] American Legion (Alabama), Montgomery, Alabama, had no information indicating families or dependents of POWs or MIAs in Alabama were contacted by COLIFAM.

Accordingly, families of those individuals will not be contacted unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau or the office of origin.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/28/70

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-27337) -P-

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS-MISCELLANEOUS.
REGISTRATION ACT
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RE: Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 7/21/70, and
San Antonio letter to Baltimore, 8/27/70, and Norfolk
report of SA [REDACTED] 8/31/70

On 7/24/70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were interviewed by SA [REDACTED] concerning any contacts they have had with any representatives of COLIFAM. MR. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] have received a telephone call from CORA WEISS in April, 1970, from New York City stating she had returned from Hanoi and informed them that a letter was being sent to them from their son who is a POW in North Vietnam. The [REDACTED] were aware of the prisoner status of their son through Air Force authorities. The [REDACTED] did receive the letter from their son in mid April, 1970. They did continue to write letters twice ammonth and did send one package to their son every two months. Only their first package mailed in December, 1966 was returned. The [REDACTED] have received only two pieces of correspondence from COLIFAM, one dated April 7, 1970 sent by CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER, the other dated May 4, 1970 from Reverend FERNANDEZ,

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- 2-Director (REGISTERED MAIL)
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- 2-Philadelphia (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2-Norfolk (100-6837) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2-Baltimore

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both from New York. The [REDACTED] have never contacted this organization. b7c

MRS. [REDACTED] sister of the POW claimed she was contacted by a Mrs. CYRIL REYNOLDS in January, 1970, to attend a gathering held at the Saint Anselm Episcopal Church in Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, where a woman, who was identified as ETHEL TAYLOR, who is affiliated with the Women's Strike for Peace, was to speak. ETHEL TAYLOR was presented as one of the women who had returned from Hanoi around Christmas, 1969, with letters from POWs. At this meeting Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that ETHEL TAYLOR presented what she, Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] considered an extremely distorted biased opinion of the United States involvement in North Vietnam and claimed that she, ETHEL TAYLOR, was bringing a message from the "compassionate" women in North Vietnam to those in the United States in an effort to set up an avenue of exchange of information, devoid of any government connections. She explained that the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam was organized for this avenue of exchange. b7c

MRS. [REDACTED] indicated that various questions were asked by those attending and only the Pastor of the Church "stood up" to several of the comments made by Mrs. TAYLOR. With regard to a question directed as to who paid for the trip, no answer was given. ETHEL TAYLOR did remark that her telephone bill was very high and that her "angry husband" paid the bill. Mrs. [REDACTED] concluded by saying that she did not feel that Mrs. REYNOLDS supported Mrs. TAYLOR and her committee. b7c

On 9/10/70, SA [REDACTED] contacted MRS. [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] Maryland. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her daughter-in-law [REDACTED] who resided at [REDACTED] Virginia, was in contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] Virginia, who is associated with National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. Mrs. [REDACTED] has kept in close touch with this organization as well as with the Naval Intelligence concerning her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has received b7c

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no correspondence nor has any contact been made with
COLIFAM.

The referenced San Antonio letter dated 8/27/
70 set out the following names of Air Force Prisoner of
War (POW) or Air Force personnel Missing in action (MIA)
who resides in the Baltimore Division:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Lt. Col. GEORGE E. TYLER, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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(Captain JOHN T. WEST, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain THOMAS M. KILCULLEN, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain JOHN S. ALBRIGHT, II, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major CHARLES SCHARF, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major JOHN C. KERR, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major HERB DOBY, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain BRUCE DUCAT, POW)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain HENRY P. FOWLER, JR., POW)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Col. DAVID H. ASIRE, MIA)

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Bomberman

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major TERRIN D. HICKS, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain GEORGE B. MENGES, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major ERNEST A. OLDS, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Lt. Col CARLYLE S. HARRIS, POW)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Lt. Col WILLIAM D. BURROUGHS, POW)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Master Sergeant LAWRENCE CLARK, MIA)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Major JOHN M. MARTIN, MIA)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(Captain WILLIAM L. NELSONS, MIA)

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LEADS:

NORFOLK DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] VIRGINIA

Will conduct interview with Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]
Virginia regarding any contact with COLIFAM.

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA

Will attempt to locate and interview Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for any additional information she might
possess concerning her contact with ETHEL TAYLOR of the
Woman's Strike for Peace who spoke before a group at
Saint Anslam Episcopal Church. [REDACTED] Pennsylvania,
concerning COLIFAM.

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] MARYLAND

Will interview MRS. [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED] MARYLAND

Will interview MR. and MRS. [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

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Leads, cont.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview MRS. [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview MRS. [REDACTED] and Mr. and MRS.
[REDACTED] concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

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AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED] concerning
any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED]
concerning any contacts by COLIFAM.

AT [REDACTED]

Will interview [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] concerning any contacts by
COLIFAM.

For the information and assistance in covering
the above leads, will attempt to identify other POW
families who may have been approached by COLIFAM. Extreme
discretion should be used during the course of interviews.
Advise individuals interviewed that the interview is at
the direction J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney
General. Also determine if the individual interviewed
would be willing to cooperate should their testimony be
needed at a later date. Interviews should be set forth
on FD-302

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/8/70

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
IS - MISCELLANEOUS
OO: NEW YORK

AW/MSA Special EO-12812
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ReNYairtel to all offices 6/9/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11
copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and
captioned as above.

Three copies of this LHM are being designa-
ted for the New York Office and two copies are being
designated for the Omaha Office.

LEADS

OMAHA DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] NEBRASKA

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Will interview [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] to ascertain
whether or not COLIFAM has been in contact with her. Will
interview her in compliance with instructions contained in
reairtel. It should be noted that [REDACTED] stated
that [REDACTED] has an unpublished telephone number and
he requested her telephone and address to be maintained in
confidence.

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② - Bureau (RM) (Encs. - 11)
2 - New York (100-168469) (RM) (Encs. - 3)
2 - Omaha (RM) (Encs. - 2)
2 - Minneapolis

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RAO (ISS, CRO, etc.)

DATE FORW: 10/21/70

HOW FORW: R/S

BY U. [REDACTED] Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] MINNESOTA

Will follow prosecutive action by the
Department in this case.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 8, 1970

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM;
(COLIFAM)

On August 27, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] was
interviewed regarding the above-captioned organiza-
tion, the results of which are as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

b2c
Date September 2, 1970

[REDACTED]
Mrs. [REDACTED] North Dakota, was advised she was being interviewed concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General.

b7c
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband, [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] in the United States Air Force, while piloting a light plane, was shot down over South Vietnam. She has not received literature from COLIFAM, nor has anyone from this organization contacted her.

She made a trip to Washington, D. C., May 1, 1970, and, in casual talk with families of servicemen there, it was indicated this organization would only have information on servicemen who were shot down over North Vietnam. She has not heard anything about her husband and because he was flying a light plane and could not bail out, his chances of surviving were not good.

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

On 8/27/70 at [REDACTED] North Dakota File # MP 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 8/31/70

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On September 17, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North Dakota, advised as follows:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

All b7c REF ED 12812-2

Date October 1, 1970

b7c
[REDACTED] North Dakota,
advised his son, [REDACTED] U. S. Air Force,
is missing in action in Vietnam for four years.

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[REDACTED] has not been contacted by the
Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen De-
tained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

He has heard of this organization but will
not have anything to do with it. His son's wife
resides in [REDACTED] Nebraska, and he is not sure whether
she has been contacted by COLIFAM.

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[REDACTED] is his son's
wife. Her address is [REDACTED]
telephone [REDACTED]

On 9/17/70 at [REDACTED] North Dakota File # MP 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/24/70

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On September 18, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised as follows:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

All b2c PER EO 12812-2

Date October 2, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED] North Dakota, advised her son, [REDACTED] U. S. Air Force, is missing in action in Vietnam. [REDACTED] b2c

She received a letter dated May 11, 1970, from this organization but threw it away. [REDACTED] b2c

She noted that she would have nothing to do with any organization if RENNIE DAVIS is connected with it. She has not been otherwise contacted by this organization.

On 9/18/70 at [REDACTED] North Dakota File # MP 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] b2c Date dictated 9/25/70

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

RE: RENNIE DAVIS

On February 18, 1970, Rennie Davis was found guilty in the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention, August, 1968.

On February 20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000 on February 28, 1970.

The U. S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, Chicago, ordered him released on \$25,000 bond pending appeal of his conviction.

On August 28, 1970, [REDACTED] b2c
[REDACTED] ED 12872-2
Fargo, North Dakota, advised as follows:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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All b7c PER EO 12812-2

Date 9/3/70

[REDACTED] b2c
[REDACTED]
was advised he was being interviewed concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIAFAM) at the request of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Mr. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

His son, [REDACTED] b7c, has been listed as missing in action for more than two years. He was serving in Vietnam as a pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c have made numerous attempts to find out whether their son is living or dead, but they have never been contacted by COLIAFAM. They would be willing to cooperate with any organization, official or unofficial, if they might get some information pertaining to their son.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c do not know of any other family in Fargo, North Dakota, a member of which is missing in action or a prisoner of war. They do not know of a [REDACTED] in the Fargo area. If there were such a person whose relative was missing in action or was a prisoner of war, the [REDACTED] b7c would have learned of him by now.

On 8/28/70 at [REDACTED] North Dakota File # MP 100-15134

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 8/31/70

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Minnesota, was recontacted on September 9, 1970, and advised she was unable to locate the original of a letter form which she had previously received from COLIFAM, which was to be utilized by her in corresponding with her husband, [REDACTED] Prisoner Of War, Vietnam. b7c

b7c
Mrs. [REDACTED] was recontacted on September 10, 1970, at which time she furnished the original of an undated letter directed to her from COLIFAM, which sets out the functions of COLIFAM. The original of this letter is being preserved and attached hereto is a copy of this letter. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] added that she has not heard from her husband since she was last contacted by a representative of the FBI in July, 1970.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

CABLE ADDRESS:
COLIAFAM

INFORMATION SHEET

Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison seeks to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the United States. The Committee receives letters from servicemen and forwards them to the families through the domestic mails. It also forwards letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families are, of course, still free to send letters directly but should not the correct address for both letters and packages:

Name of serviceman, serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured
in the D.R.V.

Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Co-chairmen:
Dave Dellinger
Coro Weiss

Treasurer:
Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee (in formation):
Rennie Davis
Rev. Richard Fernandez
*Maggie Goddes
*Steve Holliwell
Stewart Maccham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
*Trudi Young

*staff

Captured servicemen may receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month. The Committee does not forward packages. It is suggested that letters sent to the Committee for forwarding be sealed and that stamps be enclosed (not affixed) as letters are forwarded in packets.

The Committee is only able to be of help with respect to men who have been shot down over North Vietnam.

The Committee also is able to request information regarding the status of men thought to have been shot down over North Vietnam and captured there. For such inquiries the Committee needs to have the individual's service number, and any available information as to when and where he was shot down. With respect to such requests the Committee would expect to receive a letter to his family if the individual is being held in North Vietnam. If the individual is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information regarding him, the Committee expects to receive that word to the extent possible. In any case the Committee will communicate with the family concerned as soon as it receives word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, has said, gradually all families of servicemen held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established in response to an initiative

created by the North Vietnamese and is an extension of previous efforts. It is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Vietnam (from both the North and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam) and Americans who oppose the war. On three separate occasions representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi and have returned with released servicemen. On one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three American soldiers who were released by the National Liberation Front. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters to captured servicemen at the request of their families and they have brought back letters when they have returned to the United States. On several occasions such visitors from the peace movement have met with captured pilots in Hanoi.

The Committee

The Committee of Liaison believes that the safe return of U.S. servicemen captured in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the United States maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will also continue our efforts aimed at the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces and weapons.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, The Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Women Against Daddy Warbucks, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Strike for Peace.

The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

111 b7c PER EO 12812-2

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A review of Fargo, North Dakota, city and telephone directories failed to reveal the name of [REDACTED] who supposedly resides at [REDACTED] b7c

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On August 28, 1970, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Fargo, stated he has lived at this address for the past five-year period and that no one by the name of [REDACTED] has lived in the [REDACTED] neighborhood during that time. He pointed out that there is no such address as [REDACTED] b7c
Fargo. b7c

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ALL b7c PER EO 12812-2

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/8/70

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c, CHICAGO (100-48914) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH
FAMILIES OF SERVICE MEN DETAINED
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)
IS-MISC
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

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345,570

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 9/8/70.

Enclosed herewith for each the Bureau and the New York Division are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting results of an interview with Mrs. [REDACTED]. A copy of the FD-302 is also being furnished to Springfield for their information.

ADMINISTRATIVE

During the interview with Mrs. [REDACTED] on September 30, 1970, as reported in the enclosures herein, she stated she would be most willing to testify as to the information she furnished, as reported herein. Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished the following information to which she emphatically stated she would not testify and its nature was to be held in strictest confidence:

During November of 1969, she first learned of the COLIFAM group through the news media. She stated the name of WILLIAM KUNSTLER, defense attorney at the Chicago Conspiracy Trial, was mentioned. She stated on an unrecalled date she called KUNSTLER's office in Chicago and left a message for him to call her. She stated she was interested in the possibility of obtaining information relative to her son, however, when KUNSTLER called back, she was not convinced of the COLIFAM integrity and did not pay much attention to the brief call made by KUNSTLER. She stated she does not recall the contents of the telephone conversation.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Springfield (100-12042) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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b7c Date 10/8/70

Mrs. [REDACTED] Illinois, telephone [REDACTED] was interviewed at her place of employment, [REDACTED] at which time she furnished the following information:

She has a son, [REDACTED] who is currently missing in action in Viet Nam. As a result of her inability to obtain any information concerning her son [REDACTED] an organization known as "Friends Our Families in Illinois". This group was not a formal organization and was formed for the families in the State of Illinois who have relatives missing in Viet Nam.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] advised the first she heard of an organization known as Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Viet Nam (COLIFAN) was in about November of 1969, when she heard of this group in the news media. She stated she came into contact with this organization during a trip she made and set forth the following circumstances:

On [REDACTED] b7c 1970, she and several other women left the United States on a trip around the world in connection with their missing relatives. Among the various stops on this trip was Vien Tane, Laos. In Vien Tane four women went to the North Vietnam Embassy in an attempt to obtain information concerning prisoners of war being held in North Vietnam. Upon their arrival, they were informed by the officials at this Embassy they, the North Vietnamese, were aware the group was coming and stated none of this group's relatives were in North Vietnam. One of the women exhibited a photograph to the officials and stated she was certain one of the men in the picture was her husband. The officials finally agreed to attempt to gain further information regarding this woman's husband. As a result of this agreement, the group stayed in Vien Tane and approximately two weeks later recontacted the Embassy. At this time, they were given no information. Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c stated as the group was leaving the Embassy building, she was the last one out. She stated as she was approaching the door to leave, one of the officials gave her a slip of

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On 10/30/70 at 345,570 File # CG 100-48914

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 10/2/70

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[redacted] and stated if she or any other Americans wanted information concerning relatives who may be prisoners or missing in action, they should contact the group listed on the slip of paper. Mrs. [redacted] advised this group was COLIFAM, however, the slip of paper is at her residence and she would obtain the name and address and furnish same to the interviewing agent. b7c

Mrs. [redacted] advised she was not contacted by COLIFAM and does not feel she was victim of the organization and any blackmail attempts, threats or any other actions by this group. She further advised she has received no communication of any type by the group from her son nor has she attempted to contact her son through this group. b7c

At the onset of the above interview, Mrs. [redacted] was advised she was being interviewed at the direction of J. WALTER FRAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

Mrs. [redacted] further advised she would not disclose the names of any other families who may have contacted COLIFAM, as she feels her knowledge in this area is confidential. She went on to explain [redacted]

[redacted] National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, which group was formed in May of 1970. She noted this group replaced the organization [redacted] Reunite Our Families in Illinois.

[redacted] was contacted at her residence at which time she stated the address given her on the slip or paper by an official of the North Vietnamese Embassy, Vien Tane, Laos, is:

Committee of Liaison For Communication with
Prisoners Held in North Vietnam
365 West 42nd Street
New York City, New York 10036
212-765-1440

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Date: 9/28/70

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Bureau routing slips of 9/3 and 8/70, to Kansas City, respectively attached

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UACB 10/1/70, the Kansas City Division proposes to submit an LHM classified secret

REF BUREAU

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Dissemination of proposed LHM will be made to local Military Intelligence agencies, U. S. Secret Service, and the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. Such dissemination is not being interpreted as involving "the third agency rule."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899) (ATT:DID)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
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ReNYtel, 10/5/70, and NYat to Bu dated 9/29/70
entitled, "TRAVEL OF US DELEGATION TO NORTH KOREA AND
VIETNAM, JULY-AUGUST, 1970, LED BY ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, IS-MISC."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
captioned, "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM." Enclosed for WFO are two copies
of LHM.

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For the information of the Bureau

NY, in interpreting these records, has not
intentionally interpreted them in the LHM, in view of the

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According to [REDACTED] COLIFAM still maintains office space at 365 West 42nd St., NYC, however, BARBARA WEBSTER, Secretary, has been on extended vacation since mid-summer. Source feels COLIFAM will continue its operation in the Fall at the above address. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] (S)(u)

In view of the highly sensitive nature of this source, the LHM is being classified, "Secret" to further protect the source.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM since NY feels that dissemination of the LHM should be at the discretion of the Bureau.

ReNYat to the Bureau dated 9/23/70 pertaining to 374 POW letters and a Press Conference at International Arrivals Building, JFK International Airport, Jamaica, NY, on 9/16/70, seems to bear heavily on the COLIFAM Registration Act case. Material contained herein appears to be evidentiary in nature. NY will make efforts to determine who was the intermediary on disposing these letters and will determine if there is a direct connection with COLIFAM.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 8, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Bufile (100-457899)

NYfile (100-168469)

Committee of Liaison With Families
of Servicemen Detained in North
Vietnam (COLIFAM)

2012-11-22

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Date: 10/7/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH
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ReNYtel to the Bu dated 10/7/70 and captioned,
"ALLGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW, EAST SIDE
CREZIES, NEW YORK CITY, 10/1/70, PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION
STATUTE."

[REDACTED] 1127th US Air Force Field
Activities Group, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was interviewed
at the NYO by SAS [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] on 10/7/70 with respect to information
furnished by a source of his concerning a possible plot
to assassinate Vice President SPIRO AGNEW.

During the course of the above interview, [REDACTED]
stated that he is presently primarily assigned
in developing information concerning the identities of
Prisoners of War in North Vietnam for the Air Force and that
in this endeavor he is attempting to develop a source into
the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen
Detained in North Vietnam in NYC.

The above is being submitted for the information

of the Bureau.

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FROM NEW YORK 100-168469

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NYO WILL PREPARE LHM SETTING FORTH THESE ENTIRE
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NYO WILL NOT SET FORTH LEADS TO CONTACT AND
INTERVIEW RELATIVES CONTAINED IN THESE RECORDS. ~~S~~ U

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DEPARTMENTAL OPINION
WITH REFERENCE TO THE DESIRABILITY OF INTERVIEWING ALL
RELATIVES OF POW [REDACTED] ~~S~~ U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All 67c PER EO 12812-2

TO : *b7c*
DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 9/30/70

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (97-99) (P)

b7c
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM);
IS - MISCELLANEOUS; RA
(OO: NY)

Re New Orleans letter and LHM, 7/29/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for
New York are three copies of an LHM re captioned matter.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS

b7c
AT [REDACTED] LOUISIANA: Will interview Mrs.
[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] who is a
POW, who resides at [REDACTED]

Determine during the interview:

- b7c*
- a) Identity of individual who contacted her.
 - b) Report circumstances of contact, e.g. was she
harassed, conjoled, etc.
 - c) If she had mail or personal objects delivered
for her or brought back to her.
 - d) What COLIFAM statements were regarding source
of information, contacts, etc.
 - e) Identity of other POW families approached in a
similar manner.
 - f) Lastly, determine nature of correspondence be-
tween her and COLIFAM.

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2-NEW YORK (ENC-3) (100-168469) (RM)
2-NEW ORLEANS

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AT [REDACTED] LOUISIANA: Will interview Mr. [REDACTED] and determine if he has an immediate relative prisoner of the North Vietnamese and if so interview in accordance with above instructions.

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AT [REDACTED] LOUISIANA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED], to determine if she has immediate relative prisoner of North Vietnamese and handle as above. *b7c*

AT [REDACTED] LOUISIANA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] to determine if she has a close relative prisoner of North Vietnamese and handle as above. *b7c*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

DATE: JULY 29, 1970

COMMUNICATION STATION WITH AMERICANS IN
SERVICES DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated
July 29, 1970 at New Orleans, Louisiana, captioned as above.

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All b7c R2 EO 12812-2

Date 8/3/70

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[REDACTED] b7c [REDACTED]
The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] maiden name is [REDACTED] She was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] She is the wife of [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] in the U. S. Air Force. [REDACTED] was shot down over North Viet Nam on [REDACTED] 1965, and is a prisoner of war. At the time he was shot down, his serial number was [REDACTED] The prefix to service numbers has been changed and [REDACTED] serial number is now [REDACTED] His Social Security Number is [REDACTED] b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] explained that she would cooperate in any way possible and stated that she would conditionally testify for the Government should it become necessary. She explained that it would depend on what the U. S. Air Force advises her to do and whether or not her testimony would be harmful to her husband. b7c

With reference to the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished the following information: b7c EO 12812-2

COLIFAM made all of the contacts and these contacts were through the U. S. Mails.

All contacts were through the U. S. Mails and consisted of written communications from COLIFAM. Generally, these written communications were of a propaganda nature and pointed out that COLIFAM was receiving prisoner of war mail from the North Vietnamese and then in turn, COLIFAM would forward these letters from the prisoners directly to the prisoners' families in the United States.

On 7/23/70 at [REDACTED] Louisiana File # NO 97-99 b7c EO 12812-2

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 7/29/70

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Practically all the mail Mrs. [REDACTED] has received from her husband has come through COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] has not sent any letters to her husband through COLIFAM. She sends them directly to her husband in care of Camp of Detention for U. S. Pilots Captured in the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. She noted that COLIFAM suggested that such letters be sent via Moscow, USSR; Mrs. [REDACTED] has not done this. Mrs. [REDACTED] is not sure but she believes a friend of hers, Mrs. [REDACTED] might have sent letters to her husband, [REDACTED] through COLIFAM.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that if the family of a prisoner of war gets any letters from the prisoner of war, there is a 90% chance that these letters would come through COLIFAM.

Mrs. [REDACTED] is the area coordinator for the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. She furnished the names of the following individuals who might also have received literature from COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] noted that if a military man is missing in action, than in all probability, COLIFAM has not contacted this person's family. She explained that as far as she knew, contacts were only made by COLIFAM when it was known that the person was a prisoner of the North Vietnamese.

Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished the following names of individuals who might possibly have received correspondence from COLIFAM:

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Louisiana

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Louisiana

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Louisiana

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Louisiana

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Louisiana

Mr. [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Telephone [REDACTED]

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Louisiana

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Louisiana

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that her husband's parents, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] received a Christmas, 1969 postcard from their son and this postcard came through the COLIFAM in an envelope postmarked January 17, 1970, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mrs. [REDACTED] does not believe her husband's family has received any other COLIFAM mail and she furnished the envelope which contained this postcard to her husband's parents. Mrs. [REDACTED] also furnished copies of the other literature she received from COLIFAM and duplicated copies of this literature is attached.

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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We're very happy to forward this letter to you which just arrived from North Vietnam along with 81 others.

We know it's been a long time since you were informed that this letter was en route, but it's a long trip and we too are delighted that they've arrived.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster Maggie Geddes

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for the Committee of Liaison

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COMMUNICATION WITH CAPTURED AIRMEN

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LETTERS EN ROUTE NOW

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Chicago, Jan. 15: In an unprecedented move, six anti-war activists announced today the formation of a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The Committee will, according to Mrs. Cora Weiss, a co-chairman of the new group and a housewife from Riverdale, N.Y., "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

Specifically, "the Committee will receive letters from the captured American pilots," according to Mrs. Weiss, "and immediately forward them to the addressee. Also," she continued, "we will forward inquiries from families in the United States to the North Vietnamese authorities and they will attempt to confirm the status of their missing relatives."

According to Mrs. Weiss, "the North Vietnamese have agreed to send and receive one letter per month between airmen known to be held in North Vietnam and relatives in this country. Letters sent from the U.S.," she continued, "should be addressed to prisoner, serial number, Camp of Detention for U.S. Pilots Captured in the DRV, Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, via Moscow, Soviet Union." Packages, Mrs. Weiss added, can be sent every other month and are not to exceed six pounds. Mrs. Weiss noted that the Committee will forward letters for the families to North Vietnam if requested by relatives to do so.

Dave Dellinger, the other co-chairman of the Committee and presently being tried on conspiracy charges in Chicago, outlined the background of previous prisoner releases to the American peace movement and said that "It is understandable that the North Vietnamese indicate their confidence in the American people through the peace movement in this way. We who are on this Committee," he continued, "firmly believe that the safe return of American pilots held in North Vietnam can only come from a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam."

Mr. Dellinger decried the U.S. government for its ignoring the fate of thousands of prisoners in jails in South Vietnam who, with full knowledge and assistance of American personnel, are subjected to grotesque tortures, as has been frequently documented, most authoritatively by Congressman John Conyers and the Rev. Robert Drinan, Dean of Boston College Law School, in a recent survey of South Vietnamese prisons.

Another member of the Committee, Stewart Meacham, Peace Education Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, said that "Lou Schneider of the AFSC has recently been given a packet of 69 letters in Hanoi from servicemen and those letters will soon arrive from Hong Kong in New York, and will immediately be sent to the addressees." Mr. Meacham said that "the 69 letters en route to the U.S. were written by 64 prisoners and the Committee can presently confirm the names of 182 airmen held by the North Vietnamese, or reported to be dead or unknown." Mr. Meacham emphasized that the list (available upon request) of 182 names was neither final nor comprehensive. He said that "While these names are known to us, there are undoubtedly others known to their families."

Other persons participating in the press conference included Rennie

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Davis, a defendant in the conspiracy trial, the Rev. Richard Fernandez, Director of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, and Maggie Geddes and Trudi Young, staff members of the Committee.

In December 1969, Mrs. Cora Weiss and two other women, Ethel Taylor of Philadelphia and Madeleine Duckles of San Francisco, all active with Women Strike for Peace, came back from Hanoi with 138 letters from prisoners for Christmas. Mrs. Weiss said at the press conference that she had worked out the details for this Committee during this recent trip. Historically, the development of the Committee is unprecedented in time of war.

Other members of the Committee of Liaison not present at today's press conference include Mrs. Anne Bennett, Prof. Bea Seitzman, Steve Halliwell and Barbara Webster. The Committee's office is at 365 West 42nd Street, 2nd floor, New York, N.Y.

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Note: Since this release, 87 more letters from prisoners have been sent from North Vietnam for forwarding by the Committee.

Antiwar Group Seen As Liaison To U.S. POWs

NEW YORK (AP) — An office to arrange and facilitate exchange of mail between American servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families will open here today, a group opposed to the war announced yesterday.

The office carries the name of the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, and its organizers are Mrs. Cora Weiss and David Dellinger.

Mrs. Weiss said the organization has had numerous contacts with families of prisoners it hopes to aid. She said 69 letters from 64 servicemen, brought by hand to Hong Kong, were flown to Philadelphia Saturday, then mailed to the families.

She said the North Vietnamese had approved mail arrangements by which families could send one letter and one package of no more than six pounds each month to relatives held prisoner.

Mrs. Weiss, national head of the Women's Strike for Peace and a cochairman of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, returned recently from a trip to Hanoi.

Dellinger is one of the seven defendants being tried in Chicago on charges growing out of the disorders during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. Weiss said North Vietnamese officials have agreed to "reply to the extent possible" to inquiries from families.

The office will be at 365 W. 42d St., Mrs. Weiss said.

Foes of War Form Group to Forward Letters to P.O.W.'s

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 15—Opponents of the Vietnam war announced today the formation of a committee to "facilitate communication between servicemen held in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States."

At a news conference here, the founders said the Hanoi Government had agreed to work through the new committee, which is called Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

Mrs. Cora Weiss of Riverdale, the Bronx, a housewife who is co-chairman of the committee, said Hanoi had agreed to send all mail from American prisoners of war to the committee,

which will have offices at 365 West 42d Street in New York City. She said the committee would then forward the letters to the prisoners' families.

Mrs. Weiss, who spent two weeks in North Vietnam in December, said the North Vietnamese had also agreed to answer inquiries from families of missing men and would "attempt to confirm their status."

Mrs. Weiss said this was the first time the North Vietnamese had agreed to answer such inquiries. She said the committee hoped for reasonably prompt responses.

Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedures for such inquiries. Q: She said the family of any missing man could contact the committee's New York office and ask it to approach Hanoi.

She said the committee would send a telegram to North Vietnam, "assuming that Western Union will send our telegrams—we've had some trouble with that."

If the airman has been confirmed killed or is unknown to the North Vietnamese, Mrs. Weiss said, Hanoi will respond by telegram. If the man was injured or in a prison camp, she said, the North Vietnamese would attempt to get the man to write his family through the committee.

With regard to mail from men known to be held in North Vietnam, Mrs. Weiss outlined the procedure to be followed.

She said North Vietnam had agreed to send and receive one letter a month between prisoners and their relatives in this country.

Letters from the prisoners are to be sent in bundles to the committee's offices and then forwarded from there to the families.

from The New York Times, 1/16/70

from San Diego Union, 1/19/70

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In the course of the Vietnam war, links have been built between the people of Vietnam and Americans who oppose the war through numerous meetings and conferences. These meetings have taken place in Europe, Canada, Cuba and Southeast Asia and have included people from both the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (now part of the Provisional Revolutionary Government).

In these meetings the Vietnamese have always stressed a distinction between the U.S. government, whom they hold responsible for the policy of war, and the U.S. people, whom they believe still value the goals upon which this country was founded--independence, justice, freedom and equality. This same distinction is evident to those Americans who have visited North Vietnam and found that even though the nation is armed to defend itself, the people are encouraged by their government to believe that the American people are basically decent and humane.

It is therefore understandable that the Vietnamese should indicate their basic confidence in the American people through the peace movement which they believe embodies American ideals, rather than the government. And in the past, the Vietnamese have asked the peace movement to receive U.S. servicemen--primarily pilots whose planes were shot down--when the North Vietnamese government has decided to release them. On three separate occasions--February 1968, July 1968 and July 1969--the peace movement has gone to Hanoi and returned with released servicemen; on one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to receive three released NLF captives.

In addition, Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters there at the request of families, and have brought back letters from servicemen. There have also been occasions when American peace activists have met prisoners and talked with them.

Functions of the Committee

A Committee of Liaison has now been established as an extension of these past efforts at the request of the North Vietnamese. As on past occasions, the peace movement is responding to a request by the Vietnamese to meet a specific, immediate need and is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

The Committee will seek to facilitate communication between families in the U.S. and servicemen now imprisoned in North Vietnam. Basically, the Committee will receive letters from servicemen and forward them through the domestic mails, thereby decreasing, we hope, past problems in the receipt of such mail. We will also forward letters to North Vietnam at the request of relatives. Families are of course still free to send letters and parcels directly but should note that the instructions on mailing previously issued by the State Department are wrong. The correct address is:

name of serviceman
serial number
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots
Captured in the D.R.V.
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam

via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In addition, it is possible that the Vietnamese will be able to verify

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requests for information about servicemen from families who are uncertain if their relatives are being held in North Vietnam. Requests should be submitted to the Committee, but there is no certainty when and if the North Vietnamese will be able to respond. The Committee will of course transmit immediately any information that it receives to the family.

Clarification

Two clarifications are in order: first, it should be noted that the Committee will be dealing solely with the government of North Vietnam and will not have any information on men held in South Vietnam by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. Nor will we be able to provide information at this time concerning men held in Laos or any other Southeast Asian country where U.S. troops and aircraft are presently involved in combat missions.

Secondly, the Committee will function entirely apart from the U.S. government. The U.S. government has frequently made it more difficult for the Vietnamese to be open to the concerns of American families by using the families' genuine desires as a propaganda ploy. The government has further attempted to provoke an angry response from the Vietnamese by publicizing unsubstantiated and inflammatory testimony from fliers already released: apparently, the government has decided to jeopardize existing communications and the possibility of future releases for the sake of propaganda aimed at prolonging the war. The North Vietnamese are also very aware that the U.S. government's claims of humanitarian concerns are contradicted by the well-documented policy of torture and brutality practiced on prisoners taken in the South by U.S. and Saigon troops.

In addition to all these factors, there is the simple fact that the resolution of the fate of all the servicemen now held in North Vietnam waits ultimately upon a U.S. decision to end the war and withdraw all its forces and materiel.

Who We Are

We firmly believe that the safe return of these men and the half million others that the U.S. maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and aboard naval vessels--who can also be viewed as prisoners, prisoners of their own government since many have been sent to fight in a war against the dictates of their own conscience--can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will continue our efforts to create popular pressure strong enough to force the government to withdraw.

We are active in a variety of organizations committed to ending the war: American Friends Service Committee, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, Women Strike for Peace, The Conspiracy, and Women Against Daddy Warbucks. The Committee is supported by donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

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January 27, 1970
to 12812-2

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

We assume that by this time you have received the letter from North Vietnam which was forwarded to you by members of our Committee. We are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains the work of the Committee of Liaison.

The North Vietnamese have said that prisoners will be able to receive and send one letter a month. As noted in the Information Sheet, you may send letters directly to North Vietnam (note the mail address and route). If you would like us to forward them for you, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we will be sending them on in packets. We are also enclosing a letter form which you might wish to use, whether you send it directly or through us. Prisoners can also receive one package, not over six pounds in weight, every other month.

To insure the safe and rapid delivery of mail from prisoners, the North Vietnamese will send periodic packets of letters through our office. The letters will then be dispatched immediately to the families to whom they are addressed.

The only way to secure the eventual release of prisoners is through the decision by the United States to end the war. But in the meantime we are pleased to be able to assist in the communication between men and their families. We hope to forward letters on to you again soon.

Sincerely,

Maggie Geddes
Maggie Geddes

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March 25, 1970

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Dear Mm. [REDACTED]

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We have just received word from Hanoi that a letter from [REDACTED] has been mailed to you from North Vietnam. His name was included in a list of 80 servicemen just received; this list represents advance notice of 82 letters mailed together in a package due to arrive soon. As soon as it comes, we will forward it to you. Forgive this mimeographed communication, but we wanted you to know as quickly as possible.

The Committee of Liaison was set up to facilitate communication between men who are held in North Vietnam and their families in this country. You may be interested to know that since this new arrangement was made with the North Vietnamese in December, 376 letters have been sent from Hanoi through us to families, and that as of this current notification 256 servicemen have been confirmed as held by the North Vietnamese. More mail is en route and it is expected that mail will soon be normalized.

The arrangement for mail is described in the announcement enclosed. We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have further questions. In the meantime we continue to work for the immediate and complete withdrawal of all troops from Vietnam; to bring to an end the fighting, killing and capturing; and to hasten the day when all families, American and Vietnamese will be reunited.

Sincerely yours,

Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger
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*Barbara Webster
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*staff

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] ^{b7c} EO 12812-2

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Halliwell
Steven E. Halliwell

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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

NƠI VÀ NGÀY SINH (Date & place of birth):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI
NƯỚC VIỆT-NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA
VIA MOSCOW, USSR**

*(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

GỬI (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated)

CHI CHÚ (N.B.):

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Trong thư chỉ được nói về tình hình sức khỏe và tình hình gia đình (*Write only about health and family*).
3. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Letters from families should also conform to this proforma*).

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] *b7c 5012812-2 b7c*

We are enclosing a letter to you from [REDACTED] written from a camp of detention in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The letter is forwarded to you through the newly formed Committee of Liaison of which we are members.

This letter, along with 63 others, was recently handed to Louis Schneider by Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, and he mailed them to us from Hong Kong. This was in line with a system for handling such letters which has been opened up to our Committee by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The Committee of Liaison is composed of individuals active in the American peace movement and opposed to the U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam has decided to use our Committee as a channel for communication between the captured airmen in detention camps in North Vietnam and their relatives in the United States.

Please excuse the fact that this letter is dittoed rather than typed on letterhead. We are a new committee and we want you to receive the enclosed without delay. Therefore we are mailing this letter immediately without waiting for printed letterhead and envelopes.

We shall send you further information within the next few days regarding the liaison services our Committee is now able to perform.

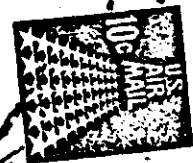
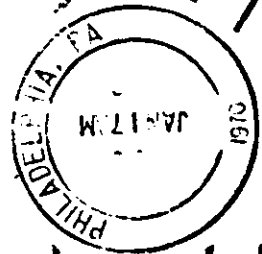
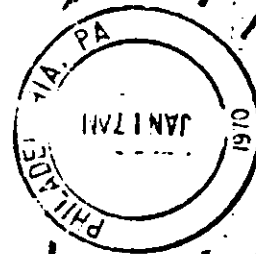
In closing we wish to express the deep hope that the U.S. government will come to its senses, withdraw its armed forces from Vietnam, and thus make it possible for the families, both American and Vietnamese which have been separated as a result of this cruel war, to be reunited.

Sincerely yours,
For the Committee of Liaison

Richard Fernandez *Stewart Meacham* *Ethel Taylor*
Richard Fernandez Stewart Meacham Ethel Taylor
Clergy and Laymen American Friends Women's Strike
Concerned About Vietnam Service Committee for Peace

Other members of the Committee are: David Dellinger, Cora Weiss, Rennie Davis, Anne Bennett, Bea Seitzman, Maggie Geddes, Trudi Young.

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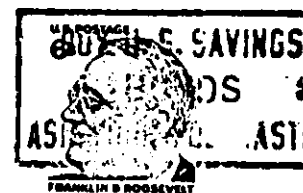


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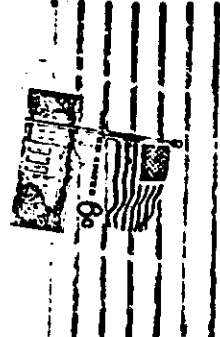
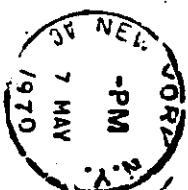
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/2/70

The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. [REDACTED] after she was advised of the nature of the inquiry by SA [REDACTED] b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. She is the wife of United States Air Force [REDACTED] Air Force Service Number [REDACTED] who was shot down over North Vietnam on [REDACTED] 1965 and is a prisoner of war. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] is familiar with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIAFAM).

All contact with COLIAFAM were first initiated by COLIAFAM through the United States mail, no contacts were ever made in person or by telephone.

Mrs. [REDACTED] said that all letters from her husband come through COLIAFAM. b2c

She writes her husband once a month by addressing the letter to him in care of Camp of Detention for United States pilots captioned in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. She does not send these letters via Moscow as suggested by COLIAFAM. b2c

One time Mrs. [REDACTED] sent a letter to her husband via COLIAFAM for delivery to her husband because in one of the letters she received from COLIAFAM there was a statement that if she would do this they would send this letter forward to her husband. Therefore, she did this in the hopes of her husband having a better chance of receiving her letter, she did not know if her husband did in fact receive this letter that she wrote to him. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she just did not know if she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date. Mrs. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] b2c b2c

On 8/24/70 at [REDACTED] Louisiana File # NO 97-99

by SA [REDACTED] 25 Date dictated 8/26/70

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Attached hereto is a duplicated copy of the latest
letter Mrs. [REDACTED] received from COLIAFAM:

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

ABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

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Dove Dellinger
Cora Weiss

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

June 14, 1970

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Norman Fruchter
*Maggie Goddes
Steve Halliwell
Prof. Donald Kalish
Stewart Meacham
Prof. Bea Seitzman
Prof. Franz Schurmann
Ethel Taylor
*Barbara Webster
Trudi Young

*staff

Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Seimond, Nancy Rubin and Judy Glaver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

Barbara Webster
Barbara Webster

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

All b7c PER EO 12812-2

Date 9/1/70

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] Louisiana, wife of [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] husband is a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] has received five letters from her husband through COLIFAM in New York; two on one occasion, and one at the time on three other occasions. In each instance, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a cover letter from COLIFAM suggesting that she might be able to get information regarding her husband through COLIFAM and that she might be able to send him letters or packages through COLIFAM. In every instance, Mrs. [REDACTED] sent these letters to Air Force Intelligence at Post Office Box 363, Annandale, Virginia. Those four letters from COLIFAM were the only contacts Mrs. [REDACTED] has had with the organization or any representative of the organization.

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 All information as to nature of correspondence from COLIFAM to Mrs. [REDACTED] can be obtained from the form letters she received from COLIFAM, as referred to above, and which would be available from Air Force Intelligence, Post Office Box 363, Annandale, Virginia.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] has not considered making any contact with COLIFAM, as she understands that COLIFAM and its activities do not meet with the approval of the United States Government, and she does not feel that any good either to her husband or otherwise could be expected to result from her making any contacts with COLIFAM.

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 Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she is sure that the Government would not ask her to take any action which might jeopardize her husband while he is being held as a prisoner of war, and with that in mind, she would be glad to cooperate in any reasonable way in furnishing any testimony that she might be able to furnish regarding COLIFAM.

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 On 8/26/70 at [REDACTED] Louisiana File # NO 97-99

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 by SA [REDACTED] 28 Date dictated 8/27/70

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the general tone of the letters she received from COLIFAM, and which are referred to above, was that if she would cooperate with COLIFAM, then that organization might be able to assist her in getting letters and packages to her husband. She stated that she always considered the letters from COLIFAM a subtle form of blackmail, but she never acknowledged to COLIFAM that she had received their letters or that she might be interested in any kind of relationship with them. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the full text of the letters that she received from COLIFAM could be obtained from Air Force Intelligence, Post Office Box 303, Annandale, Virginia. She stated that she addressed her correspondence to that address using [REDACTED] which she assumed were employees of Air Force Intelligence, or [REDACTED] used by Air Force Intelligence. b7c

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

All b7c per EO 12812-2

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: 10/8/70

FROM :

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;
REGISTRATION ACT

PURPOSE:

To recommend a letter be sent to all offices stressing the need for discretion in contacting relatives of prisoner-of-war families taking into consideration the mental anguish and emotional state of these individuals.

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the Department of Justice, we have been conducting a Registration Act investigation of COLIFAM to determine whether or not its officers have incurred an obligation to register as foreign agents as required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended. COLIFAM was formed in January, 1970, through the efforts of individuals connected with the new Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. These individuals have all had contacts with North Vietnamese representatives in Hanoi or Paris. On the face of it, they are attempting to utilize the anguish of prisoners of war and their families in an insidious attempt to gain publicity for their antiwar sentiments. They periodically send delegations of antiwar activists to Hanoi to exchange letters between POWs and their families.

It is necessary during these investigations to interview POW relatives to determine the extent and nature of contacts initiated by COLIFAM representatives.

On October 7, 1970, Lt. Col. Archie W. Gratch, Chief, Missing Persons Branch, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Randolph Field, Texas, telephonically contacted Supervisor [REDACTED] concerning our interviews. Col. Gratch advised that the armed forces are very protective of POW relatives as these individuals

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Enclosure *sent 10-12-70*

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Memorandum to Mr. C.D. Brennan
Re: Committee of Liaison with Families
Of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam
(COLIFAM)




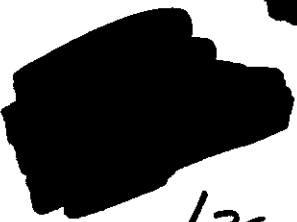

have in the past been singled out for harassment in the form of obscene or degrading letters and telephone calls. He stated the services are interested in protecting both families and the status of their POWs in North Vietnam and have assumed a "baby-sitting" role with the relatives. Many of these are in a highly emotional and disturbed state and require extremely delicate handling. Colonel Gratch said he has experienced difficulty in handling some of these individuals because of this, and has had to be most discreet and painstaking in dealing with these people. He is aware of our investigation, agrees wholeheartedly with its intent and feels we can profit from his experience. He is of the opinion that our Agents can more effectively handle interviews with POW relatives if they are aware of the above. He emphasized that he has no complaint about our investigation. Colonel Gratch was told we understand his position and was thanked for his interest in bringing this matter to our attention.

OBSERVATION:

In view of the situation mentioned by Col. Gratch, it is deemed advisable to prepare a letter to all offices calling the above to their attention with instructions to be most discreet in contacts with POW relatives. Such a letter is attached for approval.

ACTION:

It is recommended the attached letter be forwarded to all field offices.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/13/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/12/70
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b2c [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - MISCELLANEOUS; REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM	

REFERENCE: Sacramento letter to New York dated 9/23/70 (IO).

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Will, upon completion of prosecution, return items of evidence being retained in the San Diego files to the contributors.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
October 13, 1970

Office:

SAN DIEGO

Field Office File #:

SD 105-7282

Bureau File #:

100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;
REGISTRATION ACT - NORTH VIETNAM

Synopsis:

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
California, advised that she has received four letters from
her husband, currently a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.
Three of these letters were transmitted by cover letter
from COLIFAM. In addition, Mrs. [REDACTED] related details
of telephone conversation with COLIFAM Committee Member
MADELINE DUCKLES during December, 1969. *b7c*

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA*EO 12812-2*
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October 13, 1970

Date

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Mrs. [REDACTED] whose husband is a [REDACTED] in the U.S. Navy and currently a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] California.

b7c Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that, during December, 1969, she read a newspaper article in which it was stated that the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) had brought a letter from her husband to the United States from Hanoi.

b7c On December 24, 1969, not having received the letter, Mrs. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted COLIFAM committee member MADELINE DUCKLES at her residence in Berkeley, California, to inquire where the letter was.

b7c DUCKLES advised her that she had mailed the letter to Mrs. [REDACTED] former address, [REDACTED] California, and that it should be forwarded to her in the near future. That same afternoon, Mrs. [REDACTED] received the letter from her husband together with a cover letter from COLIFAM which has been turned over to the U.S. Navy Department, Washington, D. C. That letter was signed by CORA WEISS. b7c

Several days later, Mrs. [REDACTED] received a letter from her husband postmarked directly from Hanoi, North Vietnam, with no cover letter of any kind included with it. b7c

A third letter was received by Mrs. [REDACTED] with a cover letter from COLIFAM dated April 20, 1970, signed by STEVEN E. HALLIWELL. b7c

A fourth letter from [REDACTED] was received by Mrs. [REDACTED] with a cover letter from COLIFAM dated September 14, 1970, signed by CORA WEISS. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] has had no further contact with any representative of COLIFAM other than that set out above. b7c
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On 10/12/70 at [REDACTED] California File # SD 105-7282 b7c

b7c SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/12/70 b7c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] furnished COLIFAM letters dated April 20, 1970, and September 14, 1970, which are hereinafter set forth in detail:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

ABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

April 20, 1970

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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EO 12812-2

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Halliwell
Steven E. Halliwell

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON
365 West 42 Street, New York, N.Y. 10036
212-K19-4478

September 14, 1970

Dear friends:

We are very happy to forward the enclosed letter to you which just arrived with 142 others from Hanoi. This is the first mail since June because no one has travelled to North Vietnam during the summer. The Vietnamese no longer rely on unpredictable postal channels as experience has proven it delayed and risky. Therefore, they wait for travellers to guarantee safe and rapid delivery.

We are also enclosing some letter forms for your convenience.

Visitors to North Vietnam usually let us know of their departure and are willing to take mail with them. A number of people are planning to go this fall and winter, and we would be happy to forward your mail for you. Kindly seal the letter forms, even if they contain photos, and do not affix stamps.

To ease some of the administrative difficulties in North Vietnam, including translation, you might consider typing your letters on the suggested letter form, with a clear signature.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, and kindly inform us of any changes in address to facilitate further forwarding of mail.

Sincerely,

Cora Weiss
Cora Weiss

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**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM
(COLIFAM)
INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS
REGISTRATION ACT**

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DATE 7/23/83 BY 9802

An armed forces representative recently contacted the Bureau relative to the responsibilities of the services toward families of prisoners of war and our investigation of COLIFAM and advised as follows:

Each branch of the service maintains an elaborate system designed to protect and insulate POW relatives from harassment by irresponsible elements. This system also serves to prevent the families from making statements or taking other action which might result in harsh treatment of POWs by their captors. Through indoctrination the services have persuaded relatives to be most discreet in talking about POWs and be suspect of any questions from unknown individuals. Many of the relatives are in a highly emotional state and their mental anguish tends to magnify out of proportion any contact regarding their loved ones.

In order to preclude any possible embarrassment, the above situation must be immediately brought to the attention of all Agents handling interviews in this matter. Henceforth, each person interviewed must be made to thoroughly understand the identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the fact this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the Department of Justice. Further, each interview must be carefully planned and must adhere strictly to the Registration Act aspects of this matter. There should be no extraneous questions pertaining to the circumstances surrounding the POW's capture or any similar subject matter. Discretion must be the byword in handling interviews in this case.

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NOTE: See memorandum

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